

§ 19.385 Labels to agree with contents of tanks and containers.

Labels affixed to containers shall agree in every respect with the spirits in the tanks from which the containers were filled. If they do not the proprietor shall relabel such spirits with a proper label. The proprietor's records shall be such that they will enable ATF officers to readily determine, by case or package serial number, which label was used on any given filled container.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1356, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5201))

§ 19.386 Alcohol content and fill.

(a) *General.* (1) At representative intervals during bottling operations, proprietors shall test and examine bottled spirits to determine whether those spirits agree in alcohol content and quantity (fill) with that stated on the label or bottle.

(2) If the regional director (compliance) finds that a proprietor's test procedures do not protect the revenue and ensure label accuracy of the bottled product, the regional director may require corrective measures.

(b) *Variations in alcohol content and fill.* The proprietor shall rebottle, recondition, or relabel spirits if the bottle contents do not agree with the respective data on the label or bottle as to:

(1) Quantity (fill), except for such variation as may occur in filling conducted in compliance with good commercial practice with an overall objective of maintaining 100 percent fill for spirits bottled; and/or

(2) Alcohol content, subject to a normal drop in alcohol content which may occur during bottling operations not to exceed:

(i) 0.25 percent alcohol by volume for products containing solids in excess of 600 mg per 100 ml, or

(ii) 0.25 percent alcohol by volume for all spirits products bottled in 50 or 100 ml size bottles, or

(iii) 0.15 percent alcohol by volume for all other spirits and bottle sizes.

For example, a product with a solids content of less than 600 mg per 100 ml, labeled as containing 40 percent alcohol by volume and bottled in a 750 ml bottle, would be acceptable if the test

for alcohol content found that it contained 39.85 percent alcohol by volume.

(c) *Records.* Proprietors shall record the results of all tests of alcohol content and quantity (fill) in the record required by § 19.750.

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§ 19.387 Completion of bottling.

When the contents of a bottling tank are not completely bottled at the close of the day, the bottler shall make entries on the bottling and packaging record covering the total quantity bottled that day from the tank. Entries shall be made not later than the morning of the following business day unless the bottler maintains auxiliary or supplemental records as provided in § 19.731.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1356, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5201))

§ 19.388 Cases.

(a) *General.* (1) On completion of bottling, the filled bottles with labels and properly affixed closures or other devices shall be placed in cases, and the cases shall be sealed.

(2) Each case of spirits filled shall be marked as prescribed by subpart R of this part before removal from such premises.

(b) *Unsealed cases.* (1) Cases may be temporarily retained on bonded premises without being sealed pending the affixing to bottles of any required labels, State stamps, or seals.

(2) Unsealed cases containing bottles without labels shall be marked in accordance with subpart R of this part, and segregated from other cases on bonded premises pending affixing of the labels, State stamps, or seals.

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